

Please Pray For...

Parishioners... Michael, Richard, Tina, Lisa, Charles, Dottie, Bette, Howard, Dorothy, Barbara, Christine, Mike, Jay, Dick, Karla, Charles, Susan, Claudine

Family and friends... Pepper, Cathy, Christine, Jack, Michael, Bill, Mickey, Joseph H., Victoria, Melani, Joseph, Joe, Joey, Dorian, Beth

Requiescat in Pace ... Sheila Boyd Goforth and all those killed in acts of terror and war around the world.

Those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq or Syria and all others at risk: Christopher Corlett, Blair Sokol, Zach Heinrich and for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war and their caregivers.

Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation, or studying, including Lit and Mary Carol Tazewell, Andrew Boyd and Audra Kreger, Virginia Robinson, the Pattarini family, Evan and Kim Cannell, Karen and Eric Coulson.

Those in assisted living: Jorge, Joan, Clare, Tom, Fr. Jack, Rose, Kathleen, Audrey, Jim, Dabney, Dorothy, Margaret, Lew, Vi, Muriel, Mary, Alice, Neal, Betty

Those travelling: Brad Bergmann and June Huber, Debbie, Leah, Morgan and John Barker

The Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle: St. John's, Richmond; Christ Church, Cunningham Parish, Millwood; Fork Church, Doswell

The Anglican Prayer Cycle: Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) Bermuda - (Bermuda) and **The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill.**

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Cycle: The 70th Anniversary of Grace Church at our Russell Road location.

Those with birthdays this week:

- 19 Grace Pattarini
- 21 Muriel Corley, Malcolm Eckel, Amy Medrick
- 22 Ryan Reyes
- 24 Holly Bray, Elly Vogtmann

Contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests or submit them on the website at:

<https://www.gracealex.org/worship/personal-worship/>. Requests will be removed after 4 weeks unless renewed.

Today

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar today are given to the glory of God and by Eugene Alford in Thanksgiving for Andrew today and every day. He could not have been a better friend, a greater inspiration or a dearer son. His love shines brightly in orange for us all.

United Thank Offering Ingathering

Today, we are holding our UTO Ingathering. Please place your donations in UTO envelopes and boxes or write UTO in the memo line if you are giving a check. The donations made to the United Thank Offering is given out in scholarships to support innovative mission and ministry.

Adult Forum: Q & A with our Seminarians (St. John)

Join our Seminarians, Ashley Mather (3rd year) and Matthew Dumont-Machowski (2nd year) for a conversation about the seminarian experience at VTS. We see them each Sunday at the altar and have the opportunity to hear them in the pulpit, but few of us have had the good fortune to meet them and hear their story. Today is your chance!

Inquirers' Class (Library)

This week the class will be exploring the Gospels.

New Photo Wall

Be sure to check out the new photo wall which includes youth activities, Art on the Avenue, Death by Chocolate, and Blessing of the Animals.

Rosary Group (Library)

The Rosary group will be meeting in the Library following the 11:15 service. No experience is necessary and rosaries are provided.

Grace Christmas Ornaments

We will be selling a limited number of Grace 2018 Christmas Ornaments — 5” x 5” double sided card stock with Grace photos on both sides, with a ribbon for hanging. Cost is \$3 each. If you would like to order an ornament or make a donation to help defray the cost of our Advent cards and care packages, please contact Nancy Robinson at Nancy.robinson@gracealex.org. Thank you!

Pledging

Many thanks to more than 100 parishioners and families who have made a financial pledges for 2019. We need everyone’s commitment. Our hope is to receive over 220 pledges. If you have not yet pledged, please turn in your card or contact the parish office. You can also pledge online at: <https://www.gracealex.org/stewardship/give-your-treasure/make-a-pledge/>

This Week

Thanksgiving Schedule at Grace

Join us for a Choral Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. Please note: we will not be having an 8:00 a.m. service or an afternoon meal this year.

The Week of November 25

Adult Forum: There is no Adult Forum or Christian Education. Join us in Merrow Hall Auditorium for the Intergenerational Advent Celebration.

Advent is Coming!

Next Sunday is the annual Intergenerational Advent Celebration in Merrow Auditorium. Advent devotionals for children, youth, families and adults will be available as well as the makings for the manger scene. In addition to the crafts, this is the occasion to make your Advent wreath for your table. If you would like to reserve a kit, please sign up on the sheet in the main entrance of the church or email Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org. Cost of the wreaths are \$25 and can be payable by check or cash at the event or through the church website, gracealex.org.

Advent Cards for College Students and Parishioners Abroad

Join us on the Sunday, November 25, to sign our traditional Advent Cards for College Students, Parishioners Abroad, and those on our Prayer List. This is the third year we will also be sending Grace Christmas ornaments with the cards. First year students, and parishioners newly stationed overseas, will also receive small care packages, including Nativity Rubber Duckies while they last. If you have time to help with set up on Saturday afternoon, November 24, contact Nancy Robinson at Nancy.robinson@gracealex.org.

Holiday Babysitting

Grace's J2A youth continue to fundraise for their pilgrimage. Our teenagers will be offering babysitting services during Advent. Charges for the babysitting service will vary each week in support of our efforts to pull together attractive items for our main fundraising event on March 3 - the J2A Auction (SAVE THE DATE!). Here are the important details:

- Your child(ren) are welcome for any and all dates. Do some shopping, see a movie, take a nap, it's up to you.
- Reservations are requested. Drop-ins are welcome if the minimum is met. Minimum of 10 children required for J2A to confirm each date. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4caaab29a57-j2aadvent>
- Bring your child(ren) to the Auditorium.
- Pack and bring a lunch for each of your child(ren).

Dates/Times/Payment

Nov. 25 - 12:30-3:30 (pay what you would pay your sitter)

Dec. 2 - 12:30-3:30 (pay with one or two \$35--or more--bottles of wine)

Dec. 9 - 12:30-3:30 (pay with gift card(s) to restaurants or retailer of your choice \$25 increments).

Dec. 16 - 12:30-3:30. (pay with one or two \$35 or more bottles of wine) Pick up time is 3:30 for those not in the pageant.

Upcoming Events

Annual Photo Sale, December 2

will occur on December 2 following all services. Stop by and enjoy. All proceeds go into the Parish General Fund.

Youth Night

The next Youth Night is Sunday, December 2 for the annual Christmas Party at Hard Times Cafe in Springfield. The upstairs room will be reserved for us from 5:30-8:00. Drop off and pick up is at Hard Times. Carpooling is encouraged!

Advent Lessons and Carols

Advent Lessons and Carols will be sung by the Boys and Girls Choir and the Adult Choir on December 9 at 5:00 p.m. Music by Elgar, Stopford, Manz, Ord, Wood, and Palestrina. Festive hymns for the season will also be sung. The service concludes with Holy Communion Rite I.

Christmas Pageant

Preparations have begun for the annual Christmas Pageant on December 16 at 5 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help with costuming or to provide snacks prior to the pageant, please contact Jenni at jenni.faires@gracealex.org.

From the Food Ministries

Got Rice? Got Masa? We Don't!

The Capital Area Food Bank is OUT of RICE and MASA HARINA (Corn Flour), essential items in our bags of food for clients. One lb. bags of White Rice and Masa Harina or Corn Meal will be especially appreciated at this time. Other Popular Bonus Shelf Items: Canned Fruit, Vegetables (all varieties incl. beans and refried beans), Meat (Ham, Corned Beef, etc.), Tuna or Salmon; Tortillas, Dried Beans, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Salsa, Mac & Cheese, Soup, Jam or Jelly. Cleaning Supplies & Toiletries are always appreciated.

Don't Have Time to Shop? Financial support is always appreciated and we'll do the shopping for you! Just note FOOD PANTRY on your check memo line. Thank You!

Calendar for November 18-24

Sunday	The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	La Gracia (Auditorium)
9:00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
10:15 a.m.	Inquirers (Library)
10:15 a.m.	Christian Formation (St. John)
11:15 a.m.	Choral Eucharist
12:30 p.m.	Rosary (Library)
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
9:00 a.m.	GES Tom the Turkey (Auditorium)
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
6:30 p.m.	School Board Meeting (St. John)
Tuesday	Elizabeth, 1231 (tr)
9:00 a.m.	GES Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting (St. Mark)
1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open (until 3:00 p.m.)
4:30 p.m.	Advanced Choristers
5:30 p.m.	Beginner Choristers
6:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	Clive Staples Lewis, 1963 (tr)
	GES Thanksgiving Break Begins
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m.	Choristers
7:00 p.m.	Mather Lay Committee (Library)
7:00 p.m.	AA (St. Luke)
7:30 p.m.	Bible Study Group (1823 Café)
8:00 p.m.	AA/Alanon (Auditorium and St. Luke)
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
	GES / GEC / Food Pantry Closed
10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Choral Eucharist
Friday	
6:30 p.m.	Food Pantry (until 7:30)
8:30 p.m.	AA (St. Mark)
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Altar Guild